

Frederick County Maryland's  
**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP OFF DAY**  
*~Date for October 2012 yet to be announced.~*

To be held at the Public Safety Training Facility  
5370 Public Safety Place, Frederick, MD 21704-6677  
(found on Google/GPS under its former listing of 8349 Reichs Ford Road)

*There is NO FEE to drop off materials.*

*This event is for Frederick County residential waste only — NO BUSINESSES.*

**ACCEPTABLE ITEMS INCLUDE:**

- Fluorescent bulbs (compact and tube)
- Medicines (in original containers only)
- Fuels (gasoline/kerosene)
- Thinners and solvents
- Stains and sealants
- Pesticides/insecticides/fungicides
- Household cleaners
- Pool chemicals
- Mercury thermometers
- Photographic chemicals
- Nickel-cadmium and NIMH batteries
- Mothballs
- Smoke Detectors

**UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS\*:**

- Any paint
- Alkaline batteries
- Biohazard waste
- Explosives or fireworks
- Firearms or ammunition
- Fire extinguishers
- Freon & fuel tanks & cylinders
- Radioactive materials
- Regular trash
- Recyclable materials
- Tires
- Vehicle batteries
- Motor oil and antifreeze

*\* Disposal information for these items is listed on back.*

**Medicines** must be in original container so that they can be identified for proper disposal; personal identification (names, etc.) may be marked out/removed.

*Did you know...*

**Paints and regular alkaline household batteries are not hazardous wastes?** For information on disposal of these items, see reverse side of this page.

*For more information call:*

**The Frederick County Department of Solid Waste Management at (301) 600-1848**

**\*\*\*\* THIS EVENT WILL BE HELD RAIN OR SHINE\*\*\*\***

## --- ADDITIONAL DISPOSAL INFORMATION ---

*Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off events are held twice a year, in spring and fall, and accept specific materials (listed on other side). Here are suggestions for proper disposal in between events or of items not accepted as hazardous waste:*

- **Alkaline batteries** (such as D, AA, etc.) – May be disposed of in your regular trash (mercury was eliminated in these batteries in the 1990's). Do not dispose of large amounts of alkaline batteries together in a group; used batteries are often not completely "dead." Grouping used batteries together can bring "live" batteries into contact with one another, creating safety risks.
- **Any Paint, Oil or Latex** – Must be dried out, then may be disposed in your regular household trash. Inexpensive commercial drying products for latex paint are available at paint and home improvement stores and can dry latex paint within a few minutes. You may also simply add mulch, shredded newspaper or kitty litter to any paint and leave the lid off until dried. Once paint is dried, it can be thrown in the regular trash (with approval from your trash hauler) or brought to the landfill for disposal.
- **Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (CFL)** are accepted at our hazardous waste drop off event days, but may also be taken year round to Home Depot, Lowes or The Common Market for recycling.
- **Empty Helium Tanks** – May be deposited for no charge in the scrap metal drop off bin at the DSWM Recycling Center located at 9031 Reichs Ford Rd. Any residual helium left in the tank must first be released by opening the valve. After the tank has been depressurized in this way, unscrew the nozzle on the tank and remove it completely.
- **Rechargeable Batteries** are accepted at our hazardous waste drop off event days, but may also be taken year round to Home Depot, Lowes, Best Buy or other stores offering recycling; visit [Call2Recycle.org](http://Call2Recycle.org) for more information and locations.
- **Thermometers** – Is it mercury? If the content of the thermometer is RED it is not mercury—it is actually alcohol and can be disposed of in the regular trash. Mercury thermometers (with a silver content) can be brought to our hazardous waste drop off days.
- **Tires** – Residents may bring up to five tires per year to the Reichs Ford Road Landfill. Tires the size of 33" or less will be charged the prevailing tipping fee rate.
- **Vehicle batteries, motor oil and antifreeze** – May be recycled all year for no cost at the Recycling Center at 9031 Reichs Ford Road, Monday through Saturday, 7am to 4:30pm. Enter via "Recycling Road" entrance.
- × **Biohazard Materials** – Clym Environmental Services is one local vendor who may be able to assist with this waste; for more information contact them at 301-694-6000.
- × **Medical Sharps** – May be placed in household trash after disinfection and securing in a puncture-proof container. For more information call 301-600-1848 or visit [www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/Landfill](http://www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/Landfill).
- × **Fire Extinguishers** – Contact Bakers Fire Protection Service at 301-810-5016.
- × **Explosives, Fireworks, Flares and Ammunition** – Contact the Office of the State Fire Marshall Bomb Squad by calling 410-859-7152, or the Frederick County Fire Marshall at 301-600-1479.
- × **Firearms** – Contact the County Sheriff's Department at 301-600-1046.
- × **Tanks/Cylinders** – Look under "Gas Companies" in the yellow pages; most vendors accept propane tanks. Some vendors may also accept freon, oxygen and fuel tanks other than propane.

**If you need to dispose of hazardous material in between the County-sponsored events, you may contact companies such as Clean Venture (410-368-9170), Clean Harbors (800-645-8265) or Safety Kleen (410-525-0001).**